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A Bill

ACT 706 OF 1997
SENATE BILL 459

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 6-18-502 TO
10 PROVIDE THAT GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT
11 DISCIPLINE POLICIES SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR DEALING
12 WITH STUDENTS WHO ASSAULT OR THREATEN TO ASSAULT OR ABUSE
13 OTHER STUDENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

15 "TO PROVIDE THAT GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL
16 DISTRICT DISCIPLINE POLICIES SHALL
17 INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR DEALING WITH
18 STUDENTS WHO ASSAULT OTHER STUDENTS."

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated § 6-18-502(b) is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 "(b) Such guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, the
26 following requirements:

27 (1) Parents, students, and school district personnel, including
28 teachers, shall be involved in the development of school district student
29 discipline policies;

30 (2)(A) The student discipline policies shall be reviewed by the
31 school district's committee on personnel policies annually.

32 (B) The committee may recommend changes in the policies to
33 the board of directors of the local school district.

34 (3) Student discipline policies shall include, but not be limited
35 to, the following offenses:

36 (A) Willfully and intentionally assaulting or threatening

1 to assault or abuse any student or teacher, principal, superintendent, or
2 other employee of a school system;

3 (B) Possession by students of any firearm or other weapon
4 prohibited upon the school campus by law or by policies adopted by the school
5 board;

6 (C) Using, offering for sale, or selling beer, alcoholic
7 beverages, or other illicit drugs by students on school property;

8 (D) Possession by a student of any paging device, beeper,
9 or similar electronic communication device on the school campus; however, the
10 policy may provide an exemption for possession of such a device by a student
11 who is required to use such a device for health or other compelling reasons;
12 and

13 (E) Willfully or intentionally damaging, destroying, or
14 stealing of school property by students."

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16 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
17 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
18 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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20 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
21 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
22 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
23 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
24 act are declared to be severable.

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26 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
27 hereby repealed.

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